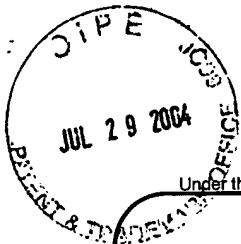


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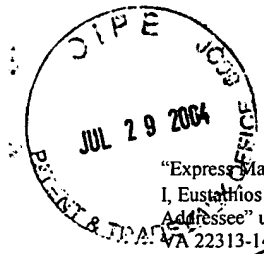
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION EXAMINATION

This is a request for continuing the prosecution examination of the above referenced application after the final rejection dated 06/22/2004.

A filing fee of \$ 421.00, an Information Disclosure Statement, an amendment to the written description, an amendment to the claims, an amendment to the drawings, and new arguments are submitted hereinunder according to CFR §1.114, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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